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THE OLD LIBERTY BELL.

Arrangements for its Transportation to New Orleans-Some Events of its History and a Former Pilgrimage.

From the Philadelphia Press

"It is both absurd and dangerous to send our priceless liberty bell to New Orleans," said a member of the firm of J. G. Brill & Co., the car builders, yesterday. "In the first place, there is no standard guage all the way through, unless the bell be sent via Chicago, a long and round-about route. In the next place there are considerable possibilities of accident. On the 10th of this month we shipped two cars to the exposition. Sixteen days later we were informed by telegraph that one car had reached there in a sadiy demoralized condition, and the other had been lost en route, or rather that its present whereabouts is unknown. With this experience of ours, and I am told that it is not an exception or an isolated one, it seems to me that we should not trust our greatest higtor-J. G. Brill & Co., the car builders, yester-

we should not trust our greatest historical relic to any such chances."

The joint Committee of Councils who will be exhibited with the bell, consisting of fourteen members, with Robert L. Pyle, of the Seventh Ward, as chairman, will mest probably to-morrow or next day to complete the arrangements for the transportation of the relic. It is for the transportation of the relic. It is believed that the whole matter will be placed under the management of the Pennsylvania railroad, who will furnish the special train to be used and send it the special train to be used and send it through by the Southern and most direct route. At Lynchburg, Va., where change of railroad guage is encountered the cars are lifted bodily from their trucks by huge derricks and swung onto other trucks adapted to the narrower measure. Thus the cars which left Philadelphia will arrive in New Orleans but on different wheels than those on which they started.

A SPECIAL CAR OFFERED.

The Pullman Palace Car Company have offered the car which they have especially built for the transportation of blooded stock—the costly race horses traveling on the various circuits. Jackson & Sharp, of Wilmington, Del., have placed at the disposal of the committee their palace car, which is to be on exhibition at the exposition, and the Georgia Pacific railroad has effered to furnish the train and all transportation, being responsible for the safety of the cargo, councilmen, bell and all. In all probability, however, the Pennelyvania Road will take the bell in charge. Under the resolution of Councils, by which it is sent, the Commissioner of Markets and City Property is to place it safety on the car, where it is then delivered into the custedy of the three officers appointed The Pullman Palace Car Company car, where it is then delivered into the custedy of the three officers appointed by the Mayor, who take absolute charge, subject to the arrangements made by the committee. To still further insure the safety of the relic, it is proposed to precede the train with a pilot engine, and from the moment the bell leaves Philadelphia until returned the three custodians will never leave it night or day. As another precaution, Mayor Smith said yesterday that he would be very glad to detail a detachment of would be policeman for service on the pilot engine. Stops will probably be made at various points to allow citizens of other sections of the country to see the bell. The start will probably be made on the 24th of next menth, and the return in June at the close of the exporeturn in June at the close of the expo-

THE OLD BELL'S ORIGIN.

The present trip of this venerable and cracked piece of metal will be the second one it has over made since its reception in Philadelphia. 1751 the Pennsylvania Assembly authorized Isane Norris, Thomas Leech, and Edward Warner to procure a bell for the State House. Accordingly, under date of Nov. 1 of that year, these gentlemen wrote to Robert Char-les, of London, stating their order and les, of London, stating their order and authority and applying to him to get them "a goed bell of about 2,000 pounds weight" which they fancied might cost £200 or more including charges. In the letter is inserted: "Let the bell be cast by the best workmen and examined carefully before it is shipped, with the following words well shaped in large letters around it, viz: "By order of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania for the State House, in the city of Philadelphia, 1852." And underpeath: "Proclaim Liberty Through All the Land Unto all the inhabitants thereof."—Levit. xxv. 10."

In due course of time the bell reached Philadelphia, and under date of March 10 1753, Mr. Norris again writes; "In 10 1753, Mr. Norris again writes; "In that letter I gave information that our bell was generally liked and appreved of, but in a few days after my writing I had the mortification to hear that it was cracked by a stroke of the clapper without any other violence, as it was hung up to try the seund; though this was not very agreeable to us, we concluded to send it back by Captain Budden, but he could not take it back on board, upon which two ingesious workman naupon which two ingenious workmen undertook to cast it here. * * * When we broke up the old metal our judges here generally agreed it was too high and brittle, and cast several little bells out of it to try the sound and strength, and fixed upon an ounce and a half of cop-per to one pound of the old bell, and in that preportion we now have it."

pested to occupy the city, the bell was removed to Bethlehem. It occupied one of the wagons of a train of 700, all under the charge of Colonel Polk and detach-ments of North Carolina and Virginia troops. At Bethlehem, Sept. 23, 1777, the old be I met with its first accident, the wagon which carried it breaking down, but fortunately it sustained no injury but fortunately it sustained no injury After the evacuation it was returned to the State House steeple, and some years afterward it was cracked, this ending its career of usefulness.

A Cat With a Tail of Fire.

It often happens that the rat is accuse of being an incendiary, and many are the des ructive fires laid at his door, or rather, hole. It is said that he gathers stray matches from the floor, and carries them in his mouth to his hole, and ers stray matches from the floor, and carries them in his mouth to his hole, and there, by experimenting or carelessess, he fires them off to set the building ablaze. But probably the first case on record of his eld and arch enemy, the cat, being accused of incendiarism, was that which occurred last Monday aftermoon on O. D. Edwards' place, five miles from Macon, on what is known as the river road. It seems that the small boy, as in most casees where mischief is connected, is an accessory before the fact. Three or four little negro boys took hold of a cat on the premises, and wrapped a piece of small wire around Tabby's tail. To the end of the wire they attached a piece of cotton saturated with kerosene oil. This they set on fire, and then they took a seat on the fence to watch and see which way the cat would jump. Tabby stat on her hannches for a minute or se, probably to study out what the boys had done that seemed to them so funny. Then suddenly she smelt a rat, or, most likely, the burning cotton, and dashed off at a rate that would have shamed off at a rate that would have shamed likely, the burning cotton, and dashed off at a rate that would have shamed brer rabbit.

On one side of the dwelling house was a crib filled with hay and fedder. Into this crib the cat shot, but she did not remain long. Her flaming tail had ignited the fedder and hay, and the room became oppressively warm. Mr. Edwards saw Tabby as she emerged from the crib, and, thinking it strange that her tail should Tably as she emerged from the crib, and, thinking it strange that her tell should bear such a close resemblance to the tail of a comet, watched her with his back to the crib that was fast being eaten up by the fismes. He saw her rush into the crib on the other side of the dwelling. and then saw her dart ent again and head in the direction of the river. She had set fire to that crib also, and before Mr. Edwards or his hands could get any water \$1,100 worth of cribs, hay, fodder, cotton seed, oats. etc., were complete'y destroyed.

The property was insured in the Western Insurance Company, and yesterday Mr. Edwards was in the city for the purpose of presenting his claims, which will no doubt be paid. What became of the eat is not known.—Macon Telegraph.

The Democratic Conundrum. From the New York Tribune.

Still the main question is, "What is a Democrat?" All the Democratic newspapers are at present engaged in expressing opinions on that subject, and no two agree. The Sun, for example, is quite sure that a Democrat must be in favor of a strict construction of the constitution. "On all other questions" it favor of a strict construction of the con-stitution. "On all other questions," it says, "Democrats may fairly differ with-out imperiling their title to upbear the party standard." But the World, another shining light of Democratic opinion, is convinced that the one thing needful is to "turn the rascals out," and evidently does not care a brass farthing about the constitution. And the flery leader of western Democracy who thunders forth his commands from Louisville "between the sherry and champagne" is convinced that a Democrat may believe anything eise under the sun, but if he does not be-lieve in "revenue only," he is not a Demlieve in "revenue only," he is not a Dem-

Now it is interesting to observe that this little discussion takes place after the election. These people first support the election. These people first support their party, and then try to find out what it is. They first elect a President and then set themselves to investigate him, and send out exploring expeditions to Albany, and ask each other with bated breath and corrugated brow, "What does the man believe, and what sort of a man is he, anyway?" Having accomplished the great feat of electing the political "What In-It" to the Presidency, and in-"What-Is-It" to the Presidency, and in-"What-Is-It" to the Presidency, and intrusting the power of feur years to a secalled party which does not agree with itself at all on the main question of what it is for, those people have one comfort: they have secured for themselves a conundrum which will amuse them for the next four years. More fascinating and more perplexing than "the fifteen puzzle"; more enduring, because not likely to get settled until Cleveland's term has expired; and not more interesting because all the offices depend on it; this pleasant conundrum is to occupy this pleasant conundrum is to occupy
the attention of the supporters of Cleveland, and, more or less, of the whole
American people, as long as they have
patience to tolerate government by this
so-called Democratic party.

Didn't Seare.

An old French shoemaker, who boasted that nothing could frighten him, was put to the test by two young men. One of them pretended to be dead, and the other, going to the shoemaker induced him to sit up with the supposed corpse. The shoemaker was in a hurry with The sheemaker was in a hurry with some work he had promised to have com-pleted the next morning. So he took his fixed upon an ounce and a half of copper to one pound of the old beil, and in that proportion we now have it."

THE TRIP TO BETHLEHEM,

The casting was done by a native of the Isle of Malta, named Pass "and a son of Charles Stow." It was discovered that too much copper had been used, and so a second casting was found to be necessary, and in the first week of June, 1752; it was rehung in the belfry, its weight being 2,080 pounds. In 1774 the base of the woodwork of the steeple was so decayed that it was taken down, and a small belfry alone covered the bell. Since then, however the steeple has been at the same time: "When a man is dead he should not speak!" It was the last time they tried to scare the shoemaker.

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